and Kolkata having a length of 5952 km. as well as North-South and East-West corridors (NS/EW) connecting Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir with Kanyakumari and Silchar with Porbandar having a length of 7300 km. The total estimated cost of NHDP is Rs. 54,000 crore.

(c) Total grants made to NHAI during the last 5 years is Rs. 5060 crore while the expenditure made is Rs. 2815 crore.

(d) The projects in the initial stages require less funds. Now, the expenditure has picked up and during the year 2001-2002 anticipated expenditure is about Rs. 5000 crore.

Growth Rate

*270. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the actual growth rate in the country during the year 2000-2001 as per the Central Statistical Organisation;

(b) the reasons for poor performance in all the sectors; and

(c) the policy measures taken to reverse the present declining trend and economic lethargy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The 'Revised Estimates of Annual National Income and Quarterly Estimates of Gross Domestic Product 2000-01', released by the Central Statistical Organisation, indicate that the growth rate in the country, measured by the growth rate of Gross Domestic Product at factor cost at 1993-94 prices, is estimated as 5.2%.

(b) The main reasons for poor performance, among others, are the continuing slow growth of agriculture, shortfall in public investment and poor implementation. The sectoral growth rates (measured in terms of gross value added at factor cost) during 1999-2000 and 2000-01 is given in the statement (*See* below). All the sectors, except for 'mining and quarrying' have experienced lower growth rate in the year 2000-01 compared to that in 1999-2000.

(c) The measures to promote and achieve higher growth, *inter alia*, include speeding up of agricultural reforms; intensification of

infrastructure investment, continued reform in the financial sector and the capital markets, and deepening of structural reforms; human development through better educational opportunities and programmes of social security; improvement in the quality of government expenditure; acceleration of disinvestment process etc. Policy initiatives announced in the Budget are expected to have a favourable impact on growth during the current year. The Planning Commission is in the process of formulating the Tenth Five Year Plan to address some of these issues in the medium term perspective.

Statement

Rate of Growth of Value Added by Economic Activity

(in 1993-94 prices) (percent)

Sectors	1999-2000	2000-01
1. Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing	0.7	0.2
2. Mining & Quarrying	1.7	3.7
3. Manufacturing	6.8	5.6
4. Electricity, Gas & Water Supply	5.2	4.7
5. Construction	8.1	5.5
6. Trade, Hotels, Transport and Communication	8.0	6.9
7. Financing, Insurance, Real Estate & Business Services	10.1	9.1
8. Community, Social & Personal Services	11.8	7.8
GDP at Factor Cost	6.4	5.2

Sources: Press Note on Revised Estimates of Annual National Income and Quarterly Estimates of Gross Domestic Product 2000-01 by Central Statistical Organisation.

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†*271. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Minister of Bihar has requested for setting

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.